

The safety of our children is paramount. That's why I voted for and continue to stand behind the intent of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA); however, for this law to be effective it must be implemented responsibly. Effective implementation requires easing this transition for our small businesses, as well as protecting our children. Small businesses are already struggling in the current economy and without adequate guidance from the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), they could be subject to greater uncertainty.

Last month, I sent a letter to the CPSC voicing the concerns of Oregon's locally-owned toy and children's clothing manufacturers and asked the Commission to provide additional guidance prior to the original enforcement date of February 10th.

On Friday, the Commission unanimously voted in favor of a one year stay of enforcement of the CPSIA's testing and certification requirements. This vote will help ensure that we are both protecting our children and assisting our responsible small businesses in complying with the new law. This will give both local manufacturers and the Commission the time they need to get it right.